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SUBJECT: AMSPEC ON FUTUROLOGY

REF: (A) WERTIME-BALL TELCON, SEPT 23; (B) SCHINDLER-BALL LETTER,
SEPT 8

SECSTATE FOR CU/WE; USIA FOR ICS

1. POST UNDERSTANDS THAT CU/NEA CONSIDERING OFFERING AMSPEC
GRANT TO JAMES MINGES, PRESIDENT MINGES ASSOCIATES, INC., WHICH
IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN ENERGY CONSERVATION TECHNOLOGY. IF HIS
ITINERARY WOULD ALLOW STOPOVER IN ATHENS, POST WOULD LIKE VERY
MUCH TO FEATURE MINGES AS SPEAKER IN TANDEM WITH TED WERTIME,
WHO ALSO PLANNING BE IN AREA ON NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
GRANT DURING SAME PERIOD EARLY DECEMBER

2. PROGRAM WOULD ILLUSTRATE FUTUROLOGY THEME AS DESCRIBED
IN CPP PROJECTS NO 06 AND 09, FOCUSSING PARTICULARLY ON
TECHNOLOGY AND THE CITY (WERTIME) AND THE FUTURE OF MAN'S
HABITAT (MINGES). FORMAT WOULD BE HALF-DAY SEMINAR WITH PRESENTATIONS
BY THE TWO SPEAKERS, SUMMARY BY A GREEK MODERATOR, AND OPEN DISCUSSION.

COSPONSORSHIP WOULD COME MOST LIKELY FROM EITHER COXIADES ASSOCIATES
OR THE GREEK TECHNICAL CHAMBER

3. POST REALIZES THAT PROPOSED SEMINAR DEPARTS SOMEWHAT FROM
COUNTRY PROGRAM PROJECTS REFERRED TO IN PARA 2 ABOVE IN BOTH
THE TYPE OF COSPONSORSHIP AND THRUST OF EMPHASIS. HOWEVER,
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AS A LEAD-IN TO THOSE MORE AMBITIOUS PROJECTS AT A RELATIVELY

NOMINAL COST -- NO TRAVEL FUNDS INVOLVED FOR WERTIME AND MINGES WOULD REQUIRE ONLY DIVERSIONARY TRAVEL, ONE DAY HONORARIUM, AND PERDIEM -- THE SEMINAR WOULD PROVIDE US WITH THE KIND OF CONTINUITY AND COMMUNICATION BUILD-UP WHICH WE FEEL IS NOT ONLY NOW POSSIBLE BUT VALUABLE FROM A PROGRAMMING PERSPECTIVE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST SINCE INITIAL GROUNDWORK MUST BEGIN AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

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